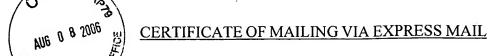
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Dear Honorable Commissioner:

Applicants hereby submit the following documents to be filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office:

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Applicants believe that there are no fees due in association with the filing of this Response. However, should the Commissioner deem that any fees are due, including any fees for extensions of time, Applicants respectfully request that the Commissioner accept this as a Petition Therefor, and direct that any additional fees be charged to Baker Botts L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 02-0383, Order Number 063718.0446.

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Dear Honorable Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 10, 2006 (the "Office Action"), Applicants submit this Response.

- Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the "Pending Claims and Status
 Thereof' which begins on page 2 of this Response; and
- Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.